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GENERAL COUNCIL

In reply to a letter of inquiry from Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, President Roosevelt strongly advised against any plan which would abandon the meeting of the General Council. Consequently plans are going forward and the tentative program has been published. The Council will be held at Durham, New Hampshire, on the grounds of the State University, June 18-25. Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley will be the chaplain, conducting devotional services each day. Superintendent Gill is one of those chosen for the "College of Preachers," and is to give the main address on Monday evening. In addition to the regular business and program of the Council, it will be the occasion of the annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions and also of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The delegation from northern California has not yet been completely settled, but among those planning to attend are the following: Rev. and Mrs T. T. Giffen of Petaluma, Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid of Berkeley, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo, Rev. William Moll Case of Reno, Miss Mary Coxhead of Oakland, Mrs. William Hawley Davis of Palo Alto, Mr. Galen M. Fisher of Orinda, Mr. J. H. Kimball of Berkeley, Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., of Berkeley, Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward, Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Alameda, Rev. S. C. Peabody of San Jose, and Rev. Verdette Walters of Martinez. It is hoped that Rev. B. H. Kissler of Fresno will represent the National German Conference. One or two others have the matter under consideration.

The National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship will be meeting at Deering (Hillsboro) New Hampshire during the period of the General Council, and it is hoped that northern California will be represented by its President, Miss Joanna Wilder of Salida.

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Following is the list of books which will be in the Pastors' Book Club for the coming year. Twenty-six ministers signed up before the time of going to press and no others can be admitted.

The Lord's Prayer (Tittle).
Prayer (Buttrick).
How Jesus Dealt With Men (Calkins).
Faith and Nurture (Smith).
Nature of the Early Church (Scott).
The Church and the New Order (Paton).
Getting Down to Cases (Holman).
The Christian Faith (Ferre).
The Inner World (Buckham).
Living Under Tension (Fosdick).
History of Early Christian Literature (Goodspeed).
Christ and Christian Faith (Pittenger).
The Moon is Down (Steinbeck).

Pastors and treasurers, your careful attention is directed to the Church-by-Church report of benevolence giving, which will be found on page 2 of this issue.

October Conference Plans Under Way

The program committee for the annual meeting of the State Conference, consisting of Rev. Vere V. Loper, Moderator; Mrs. Scott Haymond, President of the Federation of Congregational Women; Mr. George B. Martin, Chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship Commission; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, pastor of the entertaining church; and Superintendent Gill, are actively at work. Already it is possible to make the announcement that Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister and Secretary of the General Council, will be one of our leading speakers and will undoubtedly serve as Chaplain for the entire conference. The conference preacher will be Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr.

The laymen of northern California are delighted that Mr. Ronald Bridges, member of the national Lavmen's Commission, runner-up for Moderator of the General Council, and brother of Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, has accepted the invitation to speak at the laymen's luncheon and also before the conference.

Pilgrim Fellowship young people and Young Adults will hold special sessions on Sunday afternoon, and share in the Sunday evening dinner.

There will be seminars on Saturday morning on "Pastoral Work in War Time," "Missions in War Time," and "New Trends in Christian Education." In the afternoon of the same day there will be a symposium on "The Message of Christianity in the Time of War."

The Conference will be held at Grace United Church, San Francisco; will open at two o'clock on Friday, October 16, and continue through the Sunday evening dinner.

DR. GOODSELL WELCOMED

Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of the American Board, was in northern California for two brief periods this spring. He was speaker at three Associations—the Sacramento, Central, and San Joaquin, and then returned for some engagements in the Bay area, including a special meeting of the pastors, regular meeting of the Women's Federation, a rally of young people at Loma Mar, a Sunday morning service at Redwood City, and a women's rally at North Church, Berkeley. He brought us a vision of the difficult problems facing the Board in China, the Philippines, Japan, and the Near East. In spite of all the interruptions brought by the war, more than 250 of our missionaries are at work and are finding unparalleled opportunities.

DR. BRADLEY VISITS DEFENSE AREAS

Northern California was favored by a brief visit from Rev. Dwight Bradley, Executive Director of the Council for Social Action. Besides preaching at Alameda and Palo Alto, his time was largely devoted to studying the opportunities facing us in certain defense areas and seeing some of the Japanese Assembly Centers at first hand. One full afternoon was given to meetings with the Conference Commitee on Social Action and the sub-committee on Japanese work. He also spoke at the College of the Pacific and to a men's dinner in Stockton.

R. E. TRAINING AT SUMMER CONFERENCES

Every church has in its fellowship men and women who have taught year after year in the church school. There must be a continuous stream of younger men and women undertaking this work with devotion and with the intention of making it a major interest, if our work of religious education is to continue.

This year at our Summer Conferences there will be opportunities to take courses which will be particularly helpful for teachers in our churches, as well as for those who would like to teach but feel they have not had adequate training.

Through the efforts of the State Conference Committee on Religious Education Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton will conduct a class at the Lakewood Conference on "How to Teach in the Sunday School." Everyone who attended Mrs. Kientz's course on "Teaching of Primary and Beginners" at Zephyr Point last year was enthusiastic about her class. Mrs. W. B. Buckham will be on the faculty at Zephyr Point, and will have a class for teachers and youth leaders.

The chairman of our State Conference Committee on Religious Education, Rev. Verdette Walters, 1460 Cedar Street, Martinez, will endeavor to secure a leader to teach a course in religious education, if a camp so desires.

More than ever before, our Summer Conferences are to include Sunday School workers, counsellors, prospective teachers and leaders of youth.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE NOTES

The Plymouth House Group have received splendid letters from the Japanese of the Berkeley Fellowship (a student group which has met at 8 p. m. on Sundays at the House for several years). They have expressed a deep appreciation for the use of our facilities as well as the fellowship they enjoyed here. Over the years fine friendships have grown up between the student groups and it seems strange not to have orientals gathering as our meeting is disbanding.

Under the auspices of the Plymouth House members a young people's dinner was held at the First Church, Berkeley, on Sunday evening, May 3. About 100 people representing the membership of Plymouth House, the High School Group, the Business and Professional Group, and the Young Married People, sat down to dinner at six o'clock. From 7 to 7:30 the Plymouth House program for Service Men was explained. At 7:30 the meeting went on the air from the KRE broadcasting station, and four talks were given by Young People under the theme: "SNAPSHOTS OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES."

Robert Bonar (High School Junior), America's Christian Duty;
William Taylor (University Junior), A Student's Religion;
Ruth Stage (Business Woman), Seeking Religious Truth;
Mrs. Carl Nielsen (Home-maker), Christian Cooperation.

Musical numbers in addition to hymns were provided by David Fulmer and Mrs. A. C. Flenner. This is the first of a possible series of Young People's Meetings on the air waves.

MILLS INSTITUTE

The Dutch government recently announced plans for a post-war conference on the reorganization of her empire. From a former member of the British parliament comes word that plans for post-war reconstruction are receiving increased emphasis in England. These are only a few of the evidences of a growing need to crystallize now the principles upon which an enduring social order might be built when the war ends.

For this reason the Institute of International Relations will turn its attention this summer to the problems of the post-war era. The session, meeting for its eighth consecutive year at Mills College, Oakland, from June 28 to July 8, is open to all interested men and women. The faculty will consist of approximately twenty authorities on international affairs. Especially well qualified to handle matters of political reorganization is Hans Simons. Dr. Simons was formerly a director of the Academy of Political Science in Berlin and a member of the German delegation to Versailles in 1919. He is outstanding among German jurists and now teaches at the New School for Social Research in New York.

These ten days on the Mills campus are arranged to provide both spiritual and intellectual stimulation. In the mornings there will be lectures, round-tables and the chapel hour. The afternoons permit informal discussions, tea, tennis, swimming, or horseback riding. A series of popular lectures is planned for the evenings. These will be in Lisser Hall on the Mills Campus and at International House, Berkeley.

Directed by Dr. Robert F. Leavens, the daily chapel will receive greater emphasis this year than in past summers. Howard Thurman, the Negro philosopher, Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Theology at Howard University, will be with us both to assist in these chapel periods and in the lectures.

For complete details write Allen H. Barr, Executive Secretary, Institute of International Relations, Mills College, Oakland, California.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS

Northern California will be well represented at the summer school for pastors to be held at Sylvan Dale, near Loveland, Colo. This school is under the direction of the Board of Home Missions and will continue from July 7 to August 6. It will have several thorough "refresher" courses. Those who have been nominated and accepted from our Conference are Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi, Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell, Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka, and Rev. W. R. Steininger of Antioch.

PASTORS TAKE NOTE

This year Plymouth House will not be sending letters to the ministers asking for names of students attending the University, because of the meager response in the past. However, Rev. Edward Reighard would be glad to have cards or letters about young people who are entering the University during the summer and autumn.

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JUST A LITTLE BETTER

Just a slight recovery over last month is revealed by the figures of benevolence receipts for May, but still enough below the first five months of 1941 to cause serious study. Each pastor and treasurer will do well to note carefully the amount remitted up to May 31, 1942, and if it is less than the corresponding amount for 1941, to find out why and to take immediate steps to correct it. This is the last report that will be made until September. If during June, July and August, careful attention is given, the next issue will show an even better record than a year ago.

Church	May, 1942	Jan.11 to May31,'42	Jan.11 to May31,'41
Adin	$	$ 8.06	$ 9.00
Alameda	40.00	45.00	202.50
Alturas	.....	11.72	12.05
Angels Camp	.....	40.00	39.50
Antioch	.....	15.66	20.73
Auburn	10.00	63.07	60.00
Benicia	.....	30.00	20.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	492.74	2,001.44	2,296.96
North	34.75	176.05	154.36
Park	.....	17.93	23.07
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	.....	65.00	68.00
Cedarville	.....	25.00	50.00
Cloverdale	.....	22.79	28.82
Cotati	.....	44.35	31.50
Crockett	.....	36.15	24.14
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	69.98	186.37	190.49
Fairfax	.....	15.00	15.00
Ferndale	.....	94.70	117.81
Fresno, First	83.33	265.16	223.92
Japanese	35.00	35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	68.08	110.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	.....	.....	100.00
Kenwood	.....	6.10	3.00
Lodi, First	250.00	560.00	534.00
Loomis	.....	10.71	10.42
Martinez	.....	130.22	122.06
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	490.00	2,265.00	2,155.00
Fruitvale	.....	15.00	15.28
Japanese	10.00	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	3.00	21.17	16.69
Plymouth	131.16	361.47	237.47
Oroville	25.00	25.00	21.87
Pacific Grove	.....	52.03	81.17
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	558.50
Paradise	25.00	100.00	104.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	15.75	8.66
Pescadero	.....	2.50	2.50
Petaluma	.....	128.55	256.77
Pittsburg	32.40	63.43	68.75
Port Chicago	.....	1.37	.....
Redwood City	.....	222.95	211.19
Porterville	.....	80.00	100.00
Reedley	.....	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	.....	.....	37.50
Ripon	12.68	75.70	44.24
Sacramento	.....	230.03	289.20
Salida	.....	30.00	20.00
San Carlos	.....	25.28	13.24
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	5.00	73.88	104.44
First	.....	536.12	1,194.00
Ocean View	15.00	40.00	40.00
San Jose	50.20	305.20	220.00
San Leandro	.....	25.10	38.73
San Mateo	81.50	333.20	306.49
San Rafael	40.00	40.00	.....
Santa Cruz	74.00	220.00	195.00
Santa Rosa	.....	70.00	63.25
Saratoga	.....	206.77	104.67
Sebastopol	35.00	87.27	79.10
Sonoma	.....	47.71	47.70
Soquel	.....	25.00	19.14
Stockton	48.60	176.21	219.37
Suisun	.....	25.00	89.10
Sunnyvale	.....	.....	4.95
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	.....	136.50	250.00
Weaverville	22.00	97.00	55.00
Woodside	.....	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	100.22	187.67
Miscellaneous and Individual	5.00	1,209.00	1,206.10
	$2,121.34	$11,829.29	$13,361.05

Sugar vs. Alcohol

By CLAYTON S. RICE

Sugar is on the way out. Perhaps it should be, though within limits sugar is good for most of us. They tell us that gas is to be rationed. Doubtless most of us drive more than we need to. And besides, tires are already rationed, and most of us have no desire to ride on rims. Many other things, often considered necessities, will go "for the duration." We shall not complain. Without sugar, without tires, without gas, without a thousand other things—that is war. And we are struggling now for national existence. Most of us believe in the best this land has to offer and we are not willing to sit down quietly and to be wiped off the face of the earth.

But one wonders. There is no diminution in the supply of liquor. They tell us that it takes a lot of sugar to make some kinds of booze. Children are to be deprived of sugar, but liquor manufacture goes on. The sale of liquor continues, also. So constant and insistent is the pressure to drink that tens of thousands of young men who left it alone before, in the ranks are finding it social suicide to refuse to drink. One wonders! Why must we do without sugar that booze may be manufactured?

Now there was Pearl Harbor. One wonders. After the attack, not before, they closed out all the booze joints for a while. And now they are creeping back in again. One wonders—many things. Was Pearl Harbor, in part, another victory for John Barleycorn? We have always assumed that clear heads and strong bodies were needed above all else in modern warfare, yet of all the alluring, impossible, moronic, untruthful advertising the world has ever been subjected to, we are having it today, to encourage more use of alcohol. And what has alcohol ever done to give it right of way when clear heads are needed?

Sugar is on the way out. Alcohol, from beer to absinthe, rises up in new strength. Women drink it and make fools of themselves! Men wallow in it! Boys are numbed by it! Truth is conquered by it until falsehood becomes strength! And we—we are in total war. And sugar is on the way out.

In God's name, Mr. President, cannot you see what is happening?

ORDINATION

On June 1 the Committee on Ministerial Standing met at Tanforan Assembly Center for the purpose of examining George Aki and Masayoshi Wakai, looking toward ordination. These young men both graduated from Pacific School of Religion in May, their diplomas being received after their evacuation. Following the examination, which proved to be satisfactory, plans were laid for an ordination council to be called by the Oakland, Japanese Church, now at Tanforan, and the Plymouth Church of Oakland, to be held at the Assembly Center on Thursday, June 11.

MEMORIAL DAY

In the program of Memorial Day exercises under the auspices of various veterans organizations of Oakland one finds the names of Rev. V. Loper, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Tom Watt, and Rev. J. B. Orr, as participating on one or more occasions.

NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Bay Association—Moderator, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach; Vice-Moderator, Mrs. J. H. McCartney; Registrar, Rev. Godfrey Matthews; Assistant Registrar, Mr. Herbert Dimock.

Central Association—Moderator, Mr. C. G. Ioppini; Vice-Moderator, Rev. John G. Dickey; Registrar, Rev. Noel I. Breed; next meeting at Angels Camp.

Redwood Empire Association—Moderator, Mr. James P. Senter; Registrar, Rev. Frank E. Boren; place of next meeting, Kenwood.

Sacramento Valley Association—Moderator, Mr. Harry Drobish; Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. C. Champlin; Registrar, Rev. E. P. Shier; place of next meeting, Alturas.

San Joaquin Association—Moderator, Rev. A. L. Rice; Vice-Moderator, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian; Registrar, Rev. W. L. Goldsmith; next meeting to be at Porterville.

Upper Bay Association — Moderator, Rev. Isaac Fleming; Scribe, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger; place of next meeting, Port Chicago or Pittsburg.

German Conference—Moderator, Rev. John N. Sauer; Registrar, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler; place of next meeting, Lodi.

LOVELY LAKE TAHOE

Assembly of Congregational young people overlooking the Lake at Zephyr Point. This year's conference to be July 25 to August 1.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, pastor, and Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto exchanged pulpits on May 17. Superintendent Gill gave the final Sunday evening service in the spring series on the missionary work of the two denominations. Plans are already under way for the meeting of the State Conference in October. Six persons united with the church on Mother's Day, three with the Methodist group and three Congregationalists.

SAN MATEO. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Sidney Buckham, while he is attending the General Council, the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Leonard C. Fuqua, formerly of Michigan and now living in Burlingame, and Rev. Ira W. Barnett of Burlingame. The bill for painting the church is completely paid.

SAN JOSE. To meet the tire situation, church school is held simultaneously with the morning service, making it possible for parents and children to travel together coming and going. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. Rev. William Moll Case, pastor, represented the Nevada clergy at the consecration of the new Episcopal bishop, and is to attend the General Council of Congregational Churches at Durham.

TRINITY COUNTY. There was a very good Mother's Day service at Weaverville, and a Children's Day program a Sunday later. One encouraging service was held at Lewiston. Rev. P. N. Bennett is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, is taking a much-needed vacation. Rev. Henry Stauffer will supply during his absence. A gift of $100 has been received by the church in memory of a beloved member, Miss Sophia Hanson.

SARATOGA. Actual construction is under way on the new and much needed addition to the church building, and the financing of the same is well in hand. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

THE HOLY LAND

The radiance of thy peerless seers
Has never paled with passing years;
They still insist that right is might,
That darkness can be slain by light;
The Light of lights in thee found birth;
Thou are the lighthouse of the earth;
Thy hallowed places grow not old,
Although from age to age retold.
Thy Nazareth and Galilee,
Thy Bethlehem and Calvary
Still warm the heart and thrill the mind
And mold the conduct of mankind,
Enduring values and mischance
Make thee the spring of high romance;
'Tis written on the scroll of fate
A country can be small but great.

—Henry Stauffer,
Berkeley, California.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Durham, N. H.
July 26-31—M.E.M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 16-18—State Conference, Grace United Church, San Francisco.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 13-20—Lakewood, Lake Tahoe.
June 14-20—Sequoia National Park.
June 21-27—Loma Mar No. 1 and No. 2, combined.
July 25-August 1—Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 9-15—Lokoya.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

NILES. This church has regretfully accepted the resignation of its pastor, Rev. R. C. Day, who closed his work on May 31. Mr. Day saw this church through its greatest crisis, the destruction of the old building by fire and the erection of the very lovely modern church plant and parsonage. For some months he has not been well, and because of his own loyalty to the work and his desire to see it go ahead, he has stepped aside in order that someone with greater vigor might carry forward. He has the universal respect and affection of the Niles Church and the people of the community. He is widely known and esteemed through northern California, having served (among others) our churches at Hayward, Sonoma and Loomis. His plans for the future have not yet been formulated, but he will undoubtedly be available for supply work. The Niles Church has arranged for the pulpit to be cared for during June, and will be closed during the month of July.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The 57 families living in the City of Fresno were evacuated with their pastor, Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi, into the Assembly Center at the Fresno Fair Grounds. The last piece of their property was deeded to the Conference, all bills were paid, and their Plymouth automobile put aside for the use of some worker among Japanese people if such work is practicable, otherwise by the Conference staff. There are tentative plans for bringing Rev. William Q. McKnight to live in the so-called white zone and minister to the large number of Japanese families who are there. Without doubt this plan will be carried out unless gasoline rationing makes it impractical.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A summer session of the church school is planned. A great need has arisen because long vacations will be impossible for many people. The school will be organized by departments rather than classes, large groups receiving instruction together and sharing in work projects. New material is being secured for the experiment and opportunity will be provided for personal expression through art, drama and handwork. The sessions will be held during the church hour that there may be a saving in transportation costs. Already work has been undertaken by the committee on the Fall Seminar. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. Edward Reighard are the pastors.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On May 22 the Forum groups presented an extravaganza entitled "Spring Rendezvous," the proceeds to be used to send delegates to the summer conferences. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is conducting a class every Sunday evening preparatory to joining the church on Youth Sunday.

EUREKA. Once again the project of improving the property is under way. The ceilings in the Sunday School rooms are being lowered, and space above them is to furnish six extra rooms. Rev. C. H. Hudson was able to secure the materials in advance without using anything needed for defense purposes.

SOQUEL. Five new members have been received. The poster, 'We Are Not Alone," put out by the Council for Social Action, made an attractive cover on the "Parish News." Rev. T. Davis Preston, the pastor, is chairman of the Soquel Red Cross organization.

ADIN. The baccalaureate service of the high school was held in the church at the regular morning service hour on May 24. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

PALO ALTO. The church has just dedicated new lamps for its sanctuary. These are hexagonal, some forty inches in length, and of amber glass, and with the greater part of the illumination sent downward to lighten the hymn books. They are the gift of Mrs. Harry White, a recent member of the church, and are given in memory of her husband. As a part of the service, the congregation joined with the minister, Rev. Augustine Jones, in a responsive act of dedication which he had prepared for the occasion. The sermon was entitled, "The Light of the World." To the delight of everyone, not only was the illumination improved but a note of order and cathedral-like dignity has been given to the church.. New acousticon equipment is being installed, and a Service flag has been dedicated. Fifteen new members were received on Mother's Day.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Circle Four of the Women's Auxiliary sponsored a flower arrangement tea, and prizes were given for exhibits submitted by a number of friends and members. The church has voted to invest about $500 in War bonds. Troop 37 of Boy Scouts, which is entirely supervised by the church, held a formal inauguration and installation service May 8. Under the direction of Mrs. Lewis W. Taylor, the Sunday School will continue throughout the summer, meeting in one group, with the exception of the nursery department. Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of the American Board was speaker at the May meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Fred Field Goodsell occupied the pulpit on Sunday, May 24, and addressed the Pilgrim Fellowship rally at Loma Mar in the evening. On Mother's Day members of the DeMolay were in attendance. The Red Cross has been given the use of the church parlors for its blood bank for an indefinite period. Bibles are being sent to all service boys from the church. A reading group, using the Federation's recommendations, has been formed. The laymen are planning and will be in charge of the service on Father's Day. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

ALTURAS. Rev. Theodore Schulz each week is contributing some thoughts to the local newspaper under the caption, "This Life of Ours." It is intended to help the families who have young men in the service to endure the anxiety and stress and sorrow which are certain to come to them. He reports that a ranch woman with modest means is contributing one dozen eggs each week for a year for the Committee on Assistance to War Victims and Services.

RIO VISTA. Rev. Victor H. Morgan has received his commission as Chaplain in the Navy, with the rank of First Lieutenant, and begins his work at once at Mare Island. The Rio Vista church accepts his resignation with keen regret. During his pastorate the church has taken a high place in community leadership, and hopes that when the war is over they will be in a position to have him again as pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Wirt are now living in their quarters at the church for the summer. New shades and curtains have been added and bedroom furniture donated. Six members of the pastor's class signified their acceptance of Christ and their purpose to unite with the church. Mr. Wirt is working in a defense plant in addition to carrying on for the church.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Members of this church who had remained after the period had elapsed for voluntary removal, were evacuated to the Assembly Center at Tanforan Race Track. The church property was deeded to the Conference, and tenants at once secured who will look after the grounds and buildings and pay something which will be a nest egg for the church when the members are able to return. The pastor, Rev. Norio Ozaki, is active in religious work at the Center. Mr. D. T. Uchida, who had been confined for some months at Missoula, was permitted to return to his family, all of whom are in the Assembly Center. In the whole process of evacuation and preparation for it, the Plymouth Congregational Church, through Miss Mary Coxhead and Rev. Robert Inglis, rendered splendid Christian service.

FRESNO, FIRST. Mother's Day, which brought out over 250 people for church service, was the occasion of the dedication of a pair of large wrought iron candelabra, standing at the sides of the communion table, gift of the Women's Club. Thirty-eight families provided cars and assisted in packing and storage for the evacuation of the Japanese. The minister, Rev. John H. Gregg, helped to evacuate twenty-three people, including the family of Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi. Mr. Gregg has recently spoken at the Young People's Convention of the German churches, to the nurses of Fresno at a Florence Nightingale service, and is scheduled as preacher at the baccalaureate service of the Fresno State College.

COTATI AND PENNGROVE. Rev. James D. Salmon closed his work with these churches at the end of May, and was at once inducted into the United States Army and commissioned as a chaplain with First Lieutenant's rank, and is now located at Fort Ord, California. The churches gave him a farewell reception and dinner, more than eighty persons in attendance, and presented him with a lovely wrist watch as a token of their affection. Arrangements have been made for supply of the pulpits through the month of June.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. "Come to church with a full car; the church will tell you whom to bring," is the announcement appearing in the weekly bulletin. Church and Sunday School picnic is announced for June 6. Chaplain Myron H. Willard of McClellan Field was preacher the last Sunday in May. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Various veterans' organizations were present at the memorial Day service, one attendant being a century old G.A.R. member. Three members were received into the church on Mother's Day. The Evening Guild were hostesses to about twenty Negro soldiers now in camp. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Memorial Day was observed on Sunday, May 24, with various patriotic organizations in attendance. Rev. J. B. Orr preached the sermon. He also gave the main address at the Navy Memorial service in the afternoon, and offered invocation and prayer at various other Memorial Day services throughout the week.

SEBASTOPOL. The ladies' club purchased a new "Speedoprint" which is making it possible to have an attractive church bulletin. At the May fellowship dinner, 75 people were present and listened to Mr. R. L. Beardon, now living at Sebastopol but formerly of Brazil. Mr. J. P. Senter is pastor.

TULARE. Rev. Arthur L. Rice has been cooperating in the religious program for Japanese evacuees at the Tulare Assembly Center, and held services there on Sunday morning just before his regular church service. He is to direct the Sequoia Young People's Conference, and is to be in Yosemite Park for the tenth consecutive summer, beginning June 22. Good team work between women and men resulted in a floor transformation in the Primary room of the church. The women purchased the material; the men tore up the old and laid the new flooring, doing an excellent job. Copies of the book of Acts were distributed for individual reading during Pentecost season, and eight new members were welcomed on Pentecost Sunday.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. This church has called Rev. Ivan Wong of the Chinese United Church of Vancouver, B. C., and he will begin his work in August or the first of September. He comes from a successful pastorate, and will in addition to serving the church be studying for his doctor's degree. Dr. B. C. Wong, who has been the pastor, is somewhat improved in health but not yet able to resume his work in the Mathematics Department of the University. The young men of this church, immediately following their examinations, donated their services in painting the building, thereby greatly improving its appearance. The annual Sunday School and church picnic was held in Tilden Park on May 24.

LODI. Rev. A. R. Boone was speaker at the Memorial Day exercises. As president of the Ministerial Association, he is realizing a dream of years in the organization of a daily vacation Bible school, which will open immediately after the closing of the public schools. Twelve churches are joining in this enterprise. He will assist on the conference faculty at Lakewood. To raise money for their expenses, young people are working for members of the congregation and contributing their wages to the fund.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. There has been a consistent increase in attendance at church in recent weeks, compared with the same Sundays a year ago. Young people gave an evening with three short plays in order to raise money for sending delegates to conferences. Two young men who have been assisting in the youth program received degrees at Pacific School of Religion Commencement, namely, Mr. Robert Mickey and Mr. Masayoshi Wakai. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

MARTINEZ. During Christian Family Week appropriate greetings were sent to the families of men in the service, and they were invited to attend church. Mother's Day service was most gratifying, with 200 present, filling the church and overflowing into the parlor. Seven new members were received. Rev. Verdette Walters is the pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. With June this church becomes self-supporting and Elk Grove, which has shared in the support of the pastor, will have its own pastor. This notable advance has been made under the leadership of Rev. F. W. Gross, who has also led the church in a very fine building program.

GUERNEVILLE. The enrollment of the Sunday School has increased, and a Vacation Church School will soon begin. The grounds about the church have been cleaned. Mr. Alfred P. Focht, the pastor, has contacted a good many young people looking toward the formation of a society.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be no meeting of the Federation in June or July. The next meeting will be the third Thursday in August—August 20.

FEDERATION WOMEN BUSY

The regular meeting of the Federation, preceded by a brief Executive Board meeting, was held as usual in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, May 21. The chief business of the Executive Board was the appointment of our representatives to various coming conferences. Mrs. W. H. Davis was appointed Federation delegate to the National Council in New Hampshire in the summer. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary, will go as our representative to the Lakewood Conference. Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, to the Institute of International Relations at Mills College; Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of Literature, to the M.E.M. at San Anselmo; while our President, Mrs. Scott Haymond, will serve as Dean of Girls at Zephyr Point.

SOCIAL WELFARE

At the general meeting, Mrs. R. M. McClelland, Social Welfare Secretary, spoke of the difficulties this year in filling the quotas. Our many schools and hospitals need help as never before, while at the same time our Societies, in the stress of war-time calls, frequently feel less able to give such help. Mrs. McClelland asked that if any of our organizations were able, now or later, to do more than the quota asked for, they should let her know. One society has already done so, unasked, to her great delight.

HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, spoke of the need for books for the library at Le Moyne. The mailing charge is only a cent and a half a pound. Address Dr. Fred Brownlee, Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. Walters also referred to an article in Colliers of March 14, 1942, entitled "Hampton Fights the Battle of Jericho." It is interesting to note how frequently our work and our workers are mentioned in the secular press—Flint-Goodrich Hospital, in the Saturday Evening Post and in Time, and Dr. Aaron McMillan and his medical work at Galangue, Africa, in the May Reader's Digest, for example.

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thankoffering Secretary, reported in detail on three of our projects. She had not been able to get any report from Trinity County, but was full of information on the others. A very interesting phase of Miss English's work in the Grace United parish is long the line of music. She has a Junior High Choir, a Children's Choir, and a recently organized "Shepherd's Pipe" Choir. The children are also encouraged to draw and paint, carve, and arrange units for worship service. Mrs. Gauthier had several photographs showing the creditable work done along these lines by young artists.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, warned us of the proposal in some quarters to deprive all citizens of Japanese descent, whether loyal or not, of their citizenship—a measure the injustive of which, as she pointed out, would tend to act as a boomerang against our own liberties at some later date.

THE FOREIGN FIELD

Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, referred to the excellent material in the Intermountain Review of Missions for January and April, which she circulates among the women who wish it. She spoke of the great need for quinine in in the hospitals of China, and of the fact that many of the interpreters for the "Flying Tigers" of Burma Road fame were students from our Christian schools in China.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading Chairman, stated that the reading lists were now out and that thirteen or fourteen societies had already secured these and were started on their reading—a considerable advance on last year. The great difficulty is in getting hold of the books—especially those on religion. Any of those starred in the list may be obtained from the Chicago office, 19 South La Salle Street, on payment of postage both ways, and probably may be retained a month. Also, the First Church, Berkeley, which has an excellent library along those lines, has generously offered to lend its books. The matter of credits for reading, Mrs. Greisinger said, was entirely up to the local Reading Chairman. Among the books she recommended, probably all obtainable from our local libraries, were "The Moon Is Down," by John Steinbeck; "This Is England Today," by Allen Nevins; and "The Hope of a New World," by the new Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple.

LITERATURE

Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Literature Secretary, spoke interestingly and informatively on our new study books for the year: "Makers of South America," a simply written series of biographies of the famous men of that continent; and "Evangelical Witness in Latin America," a more scholarly piece of work, which Mrs. Hartwell compared to Gunther's.

DEVOTIONS

We had good reports from those of the Associational Presidents who were present, and a very beautiful devotional by Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, the keynote of which was the familiar hymn, "This is My Father's World." Mrs. Giffen read poems by A. E. Housman and Sara Teasdale, full of a beauty not yet killed by the war.

OUR OWN DR. GOODSELL

The treat of the day was an informal talk by Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of the American Board, who from his wide knowledge and personal experience was able to answer many questions about all the phases of our work in the Foreign Field—and the questions came so fast and from so many parts of the room at once that only Mrs. Haymond's firm hand succeeded in closing the session at all. The part of Dr. Goodsell's talk which most interested this editor was his picture in word and diagram of our new Thankoffering project—the Means School for Girls in Angola. We could see that school, the buildings around the hollow square, even the streams that cut across the 800 acre tract on which are the Means School for Girls and the Currie Institute for Boys, and the mill at the junction of the streams. Dr. Goodsell emphasized that the work there is against a background of primitive life very difficult for us to grasp, and differing greatly from anything in China or India. The whole idea of the instruction is to prepare the girls for work in their own homes when they return, not to educate them away from it. Dr. Goodsell pointed out that the idea that all our missionaries are returning to America is a misconception. 240 out of 400 are today at their places of work. Those who have returned are mostly mothers with children.

Rev. Clarence Gillett, 521 E. Cook St., Santa Maria, California, will welcome Sunday School materials and will be glad to know of hymn books available for the use of Japanese in the Assembly Centers.

THE SPRING MEETING

(It was necessary to omit from the May issue of The Pacific the following paragraphs describing the interesting talks made at the spring meeting of the Federation, held in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.)

The following are some of the highlights from an interesting series of talks. From his contact with University students in Plymouth House, Mr. Reighard assured us that student thought is not so hopeless now as it was in an earlier generation; that students are a conservative group, taken as a whole; and that they want hard jobs. The harder jobs we give young people IN the church, the more we shall get INTO the church.

Mrs. Duveneck paid a tribute to the efficiency of the F.B.I. and the kindness and gentleness of the soldiers, in the mass evacuation of the Japanese—how the latter played with the children and helped the old. She spoke, too, of the freedom from racial prejudice on the part of Boards of Education and teachers, and of the help from churches. She left us, I think, with the feeling that we might be proud of the way in which a difficult movement had been handled.

Chaplain Weed, like Mrs. Cleland, emphasized the wide range of a chaplain's duties. Aside from what might be called his ministerial obligations, the off-duty hours of the men are up to him. All the recreational agencies together cannot provide for more than 50 per cent of this time. His first responsibility, he conceives, is to find out the particular need of any boy and meet it. No group, he feels, has the responsibility of an army or navy chaplain. The future of America will be in these young hands after the war is over, and he is trying to lead the boys into closer relations between their religion and their daily living.

For half an hour of the meeting time we were helped to look away from war and its demands. The beautiful devotional in which we were led by Mrs. James Hazlett of Palo Alto, closed with these words:

"To have made life better and happier
for one,
This is to live."

NEEDED VITAMINS

The following, if taken regularly, will positively restore anyone to a normal healthful condition:

Vitamin F—Faith, "faith even as a mustard seed;"

Vitamin G—Giving, "give and it shall be given unto you;"

Vitamin T—Tolerance, "unto the least of these;"

Vitamin W—Work, "do the work of Him that sent thee;"

Vitamin P—Prayer, "pray without ceasing."

All this is given without money and without price. —(Quoted.)

SAN QUENTIN NEEDS

"I was in prison and ye came unto me." Such is the challenge to one phase of Christian service, which is met through the work of the Protestant Chaplains at San Quentin Prison. Here the Church reaches out to meet human need.

A new opportunity has been opened by a plan to secure a director for the Protestant Choir of the prison, who will carry on this part-time service for $25.00 a month. The Protestant Chaplain's Association is appealing to the Churches to underwrite this program. Will there be four or five Churches or individuals who will pledge $1 per month to carry on this work at the Prison?

For further information please write Rev. W. W. Meyer, Fairfax.

PLAN NOW FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

September 7 to October 4

We suggest the following events for a big week:

RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE for Church School Staff, on Monday.

FAMILY "AT HOME" NIGHT, with emphasis on family worship, Tuesday.

CHURCH NIGHT or PARENT-TEACHERS' Night, Wednesday.

COMMUNITY INTER-CHURCH OBSERVANCE, Thursday.

YOUTH NIGHT, Friday.

VISITATION DAY, Saturday, to reach the unreached in your community.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 4.

Your Conference Committee on Religious Education, cooperating with all major denominations in the UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE, is eager to plan with you for a real advance in our Church Schools.

Your Committee will send detailed suggestions on these and other programs. Write to Rev. Verdette Walters, 1460 Cedar St., Martinez, or send direct to the International Council of Religious Education for the pamphlet on Religious Education Week (10c). MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

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